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For: **HLA Binding Peptides and Their Uses**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) - FY 2005;
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
3. Request for Change of Attorney Docket Number Pleading;
4. Notice of Appeal;
5. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$1,520.00 to cover:
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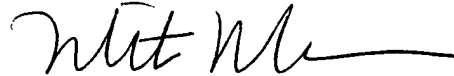
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